



China's International Engagement on Climate Change

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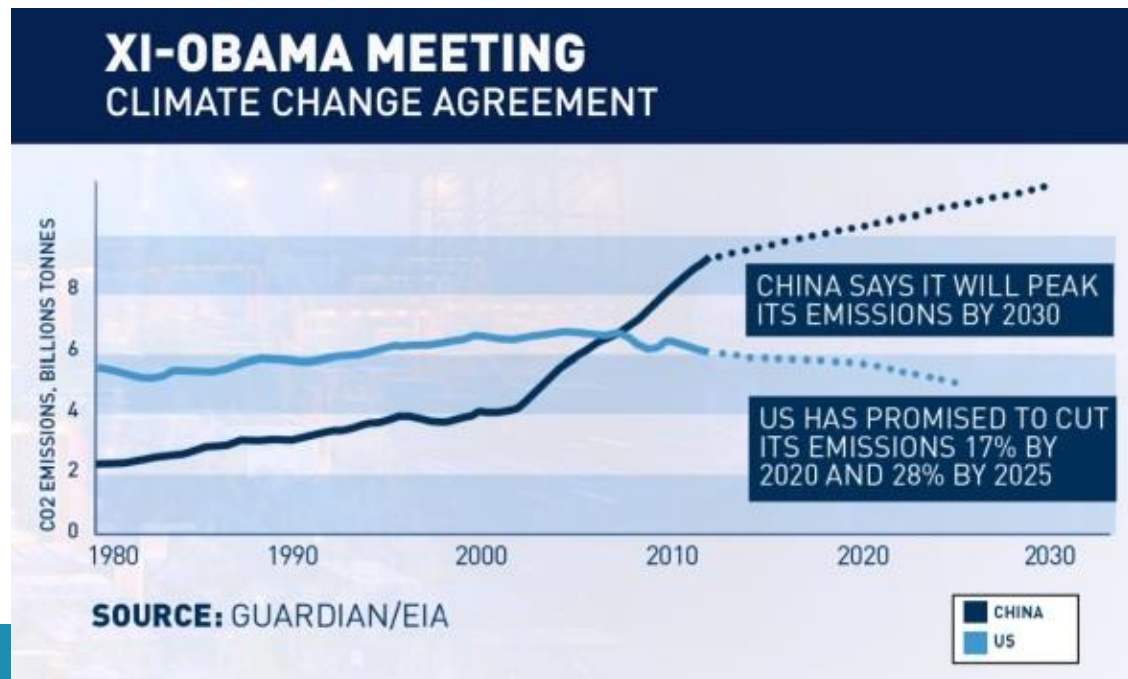
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- The 2015 Paris Agreement (PA)
 - Inclusive (universal) and legally binding
 - Kyoto Protocol's top-down approach replaced by a system of NDCs
 - PA is a foundation, meant to last for decades
 - The rest of the “house” needs to be finished in next few years
 - And “refurbished” every 5 years



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- Kyoto (1997) vs Copenhagen (2009) and Paris (2015)
 - China leaves its mark
 - Sovereignty concerns?
 - Importance of **equity** and related norms (CBDR-RC)
 - ...in light of *different national circumstances (Xi-Obama & Lima)*



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- China's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) of 30 June 2015 (pp. 19-20):

G. Transparency of Action and Support

relevant review shall further be elaborated. Developing countries shall, with support by developed countries in terms of finance, technology and capacity building, enhance the transparency of their enhanced actions through existing arrangements on transparency and in a way that is non-intrusive, non-punitive and respecting national sovereignty.

H. Legal Form

The 2015 agreement shall be a legally binding agreement implementing the Convention. It can take the form of a core agreement plus COP decisions, with mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity

building and transparency of action and support being reflected in a balanced manner in the core agreement and relevant technical details and procedural rules being elaborated in COP decisions. The nationally determined contributions by developed and developing countries can be listed respectively and separately in the Paris outcome.

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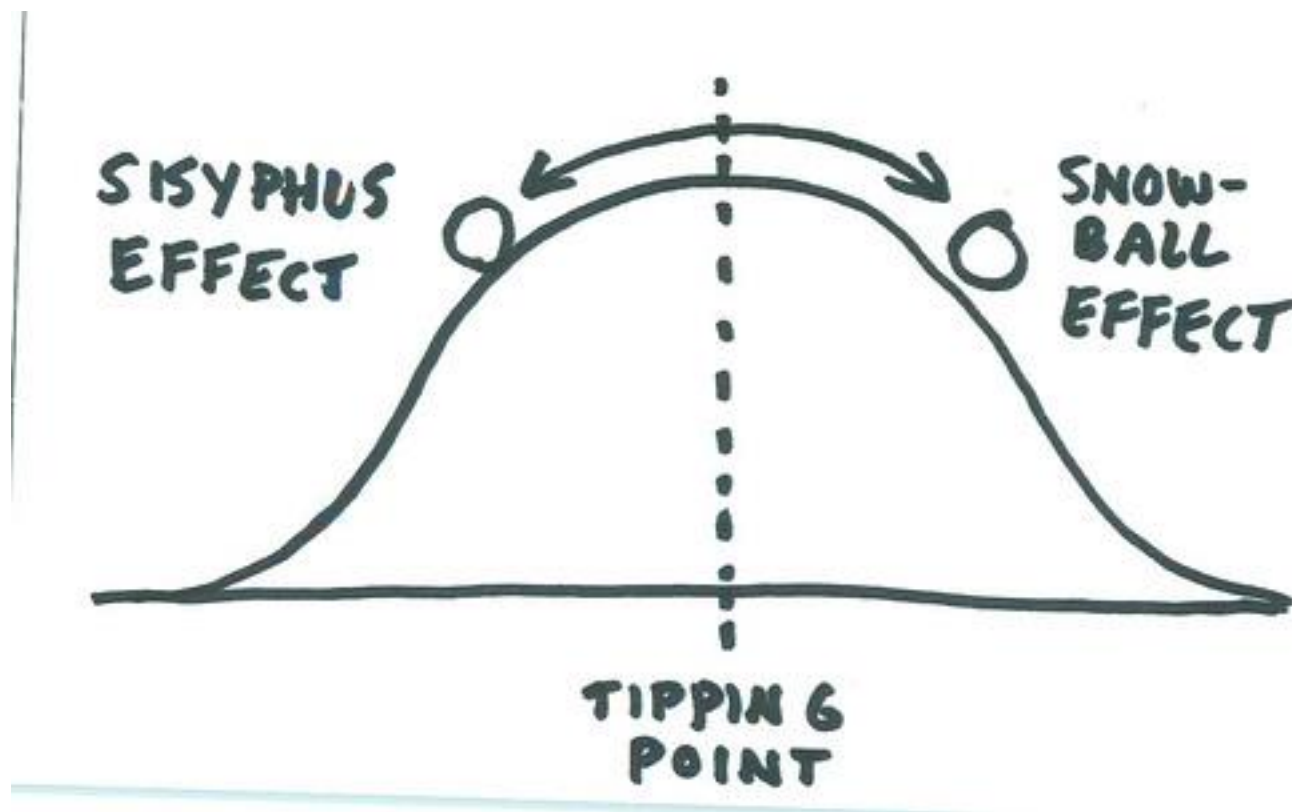
- Action on the ground in China
 - Adding around 1000 GW of non-fossil fuel energy by 2030 (= total current U.S. electricity production)
 - Still over 60% of electricity from coal (BNEF 2015)
 - But coal use may already have peaked



FILE - Buildings are seen shrouded in heavy haze at Qingdao development zone, Shandong province, Feb. 25, 2014.



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